

# TOWN OF WILBRAHAM

## PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### 2015

## WINTER PROGRAM INFORMATION and REGISTRATION DATES



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#### PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MISSION STATEMENT

To provide wholesome recreational sports and activities that will enhance the positive, social, emotional, physical, and overall development of all residents of the Town of Wilbraham. Such programs should attempt to meet the general needs of all the youth and adults of Wilbraham and should be conducted in a manner as to assure a safe, enjoyable atmosphere and learning experience.

**\* We are located at the back right corner of the YMCA building \***

**\* 45C Post Office Park , Wilbraham, MA 01095 \***

**\* Telephone: 596-2816 - FAX 596-2836 \***

**\* Monday - Friday \* 8:30AM-4:30PM \* Registration Ends at 4:00PM \***

**VISIT US AT [www.wilbraham-ma.gov/rec](http://www.wilbraham-ma.gov/rec)**

All program information is subject to change, updates may be found on the website.

Please confirm program details at registration

# WILBRAHAM PARKS & RECREATION

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***BREAKING NEWS!!!!*** The WPRD is switching software support for online registration and program details!! We are excited about the opportunity to bring a higher level of service and convenience to our customers...

- Please help us with this transition by opening an account at [wilbrahamrec.com](http://wilbrahamrec.com) before January 1 and be ready for a whole lot of convenience in 2015! There is no fee to open an account.
- There will no longer be convenience fees for online registration beginning January 1!
- All new accounts opened by Jan 1, 2015 will be eligible to win a Wilbraham Rec fleece pullover!

## Benefits of an online account:

- Register conveniently from home 24/7 for activities and programs (no convenience fees beginning January 1).
- Receive our monthly E-Newsletter, The Wilbraham Whistle, and keep abreast of registration dates, program offerings and important rec news.
- View program details and availability.
- View your personal and family activities and print receipts.
- And much more!

**Please download any past account information you may need for tax purposes from your ActiveNet account by February 1. Your past account information will no longer be available after February 1.**

Included in this brochure is information and details about upcoming programs and events as well as registration information. Many of our programs fill fast, so please note the registration dates; we don't want you to be disappointed.

Most programs allow for online registration. Visit our website and click the 'register online' button to go to our secure online registration site. Once you have an account with us, you will receive our short, monthly, informational e-newsletter, **THE WILBRAHAM WHISTLE**, which will keep you abreast of WPRD news, registration information and deadlines.

**Join us for a program or two...the benefits are endless!**

## VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION...PLEASE NOTE !

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

► **Online registration may be done for most programs once you open an online account.** In-office registration is held Monday - Friday from 8:30AM to 4:00PM at the WPRD office. Registration by mail will be accepted with proper registration forms and payment. Please don't mail a check without a registration form.

- Out-of-town registrations are welcome for indicated programs, with an additional charge.
- All programs are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Late registrations will be accepted based on available space. Late fees may apply.
- Any check returned for insufficient funds is subject to a \$25.00 charge.
- All dates, times, and prices are subject to change at the discretion of the Parks & Recreation Director and/or the Recreation Commission.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINES:** Deadlines are used as a tool to determine whether there is enough interest in a program to run it. Late registrations will be accepted based on available space.

**LATE FEES:** Late fees for all activities will be assessed the first day after the registration deadline in the amount of \$10.00 and increase to \$20.00 after ten business days. Late fees are not assessed to penalize, but to encourage residents to register on time so the staff has sufficient time to plan programs, order enough program supplies and meet various league requirements. Online registration for many programs is extended without a late fee through the weekend following the Friday in-office deadline. Late fees are not refundable.

**REFUND/CANCELLATION POLICY:** The WPRD reserves the right to cancel, postpone or combine classes, adjust costs and change coaches, location or instructors or refund policies. In the event a program is cancelled by the WPRD, you will receive a full refund. Generally for recreational sports programs, if you notify the WPRD prior to the registration deadline, you will receive a refund minus an assigned administrative charge. Each program run by the WPRD has unique constraints. Check the form or call the WPRD for the specific refund policy on the program you are registering for at the time of registration.

**WAITING LISTS:** All registrations are accepted on a "first come-first serve" basis. If your desired program is filled, you will be notified and placed on a waiting list. When and if an opening becomes available, we will go to the waiting list to fill the spot.

**PROMOTION:** For promotional purposes, photographs/videos may be taken of participants and posted in printed material or posted on a website or other promotional material. If you do not wish to have your child's photo taken, please notify the WPRD in writing prior to the program start as well as notifying the photographer and/or class instructor or coach.



The Town of Wilbraham complies with the Americans With Disabilities Act and will make special arrangements upon request. Please contact the WPRD Office (596-2816) at least 24 hours in advance.



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## Enhance Your Winter... Join us for a Class or Clinic!

Registration opens Dec. 9 and ends seven days before start date or until class fills

(Non-Wilbraham residents, please add \$10.00 Out-of-Town Fee)

**NEW! SHOTOKOUNTHIGH KARATE:** Gr. 4 and up - Wednesdays, Jan. 14 - May 27, 4:00-5:00pm. This international karate style was created in 1973 and is suited to all ages. There are strict rules to avoid injury and students will start as beginners (white belt) and graded for the next belt with the satisfactory pre-examination. There may be optional competition in local Karate tournaments. This style is affiliated to the WKF ( World Karate Federation ) and WUMA ( World United Martial Arts ) in the event a student wishes to compete internationally. Sensei Omid Djavi is the instructor with 26 years experience and is presently the head coach of Martial Arts at WNEU. Students divided by skill level. Questions to the coach may be sent to: non923@comcast.net. FEE: \$144. Soule Rd. School

**NEW! LINGUALINKS Fun with Spanish!:** Gr. 3 - 6 - Mondays, Jan.12 - March 30, 3:15 - 4:15pm. Come learn all you need to know to take a trip overseas; personal identification terms and be able to talk about what's in your suitcase so you can get through passport control and customs. You will 'meet' your host families and 'visit' your new home and community capping the weeks off with a 'trip' to a restaurant. All this while never leaving class in Wilbraham! A fun way to learn Spanish! FEE: \$120. Soule Rd. School

**Let's Gogh Art- AROUND THE WORLD CREATIVITY TOUR!** Gr. K - 5 - Thursdays, Jan. 15 - March 12 - 5:15-6:15pm. Art travelers go on a whirlwind tour of the world, traveling among different countries and cultures. Create hot air balloons to take you up and away! Each week we land somewhere in the world and create wicked cool cultural art using unique materials and artisan's techniques. In Puerto Rico we work with clay and make wacky Vejigante masks. We design with Mosaics in Greece, make Tribal Rain Sticks in Australia, and create Maracas in Brazil, just to name a few. Fun facts about each country and culture, geography and art history are included. The only thing kids need to pack is their imaginations! FEE: \$110. includes materials! Wilb. Middle School

**ACTING CLASSES WITH 'PERFORMING ARTS':** Wednesdays, Feb 4.- March 25. Gr. K-4 5:05-6:00pm, Gr. 5-8, 6:05-7:00pm. The team from Performing Arts will offer a fun acting experience where children will be introduced to exciting theater games, concentration exercises, voice and speech, improvisational exercises, acting terminology, sense memory, subtext, stage skills and script work. At the end of this session there is an informal performance to demonstrate what participants have been working on. Classes will also be challenging and offer new and exciting activities for the more experienced participant as well. FEE: \$113.

Register: [www.performingartsprograms.biz](http://www.performingartsprograms.biz) or pick up a mail-in form at the WPRD. Wilb. Middle School.

**MAD SCIENCE – SENSE-ATIONAL SCIENCE!:** Gr. K - 5, Thursdays, March 19 - May 14, 4:30 -5:30pm Spark the imagination of your young scientist with a fantastically fun and educational experience! Sessions may include uncovering the secret components of white light and hidden rainbows, exploring the unique characteristics of insects, learning about vision and making an awesome periscope, discovering how the heat of your hand can do some very COOL things, investigating the invisible power of magnets and putting taste buds and sense of smell to the challenge. Class may create lightning with a Van De-Graaff generator or learn all about the unseen world of sound waves, tornadoes and storms. Maybe voyage to the center of the earth and learn how our planet formed. Kids bring home a cool science take-away each week! Register: [www.madscience.org/westnewengland](http://www.madscience.org/westnewengland). FEE: \$129. Wilb. Middle School



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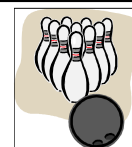
### **THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL BOWLING**

Stony Hill School - Soule Road School

**10 WEEKS \* JANUARY 15 - MARCH 26 \* 2:45 - 5:00PM \* GR. 2 - 5**

*This is our tenth year running this program...Join the fun!*

A chaperoned bus will pick the kids up at school and bring them to Shaker Bowl for 1½ hours of after school fun!



At 3:30pm the kids arrive at Shaker Bowl and the fun starts! Kids bowl for fun with a bit of competition mixed in. The winning team will receive first place trophies! At 4:15 there is a fun dance competition followed by a raffle for small prizes. Every other week the arcade opens for last 15 minutes of the program. Every child who has perfect attendance will receive a bowling bobble-head trophy. At 5:00pm kids are signed out and picked up by parents at Shaker Bowl!

***Cost includes bowling, shoe rental and a pizza party at the end of the season!***

**COST: \$120.00 (\$21.00 due at registration, balance is paid weekly to Shaker Bowl!)**

**REGISTRATION: DEC. 9 - JAN. 9 ONLINE OR IN OFFICE (Late fee after 1/09)**

**(Program does not run on school vacations and may be cancelled due to weather)**

## **2015 MONDAY DANCE PROGRAM**

(AGES 2 THROUGH TEEN)

**WINTER SESSION BEGINS JANUARY 12 AND ENDS WITH A DELIGHTFUL MAY RECITAL!**



**JAZZ ~ HIP ~ HOP ~ BALLET ~ BROADWAY TAP ~ LYRICAL**

**Held at the Wilbraham Middle School Auditorium**

**Classes run approximately 30 minutes**

**REGISTRATION DECEMBER 9 - JANUARY 5: Online, by mail or at the WPRD Office**

**FEE: Only \$70.00 per child! (\$80.00 for non-residents)**

**Dance classes are taught by instructors from Mary Ann Studio of Dance which has offered professional, age-appropriate instruction for the WPRD for over 25 years!**

All dance shoes are for sale at the 'Mary Ann Studio of Dance'

1168 Boston Rd. Spfld (near WalMart) - Studio is Open 2:30 - 7pm weekdays

QUESTIONS....Contact Mary Ann at 596-3127 - [www.maryannstudio.com](http://www.maryannstudio.com), also

on Facebook: Mary Ann Dance

4:45PM	Ages 2 - 4	<b>Terrific Toddlers:</b> Have a dancer who loves to move to music? Dancers learn Ballet, Jazz and Tap using upbeat and kid-friendly music. Emphasis on learning basic technique and creative dance routines.	Ballet and Tap shoes
5:15PM	Ages 4 - 6	<b>Rising Stars:</b> Learning delightful songs; Ballet, Tap and Jazz/Hip-Hop dances to the music today's children relate to. Develops self confidence, coordination, music appreciation, and helps gain a healthy positive image.	Tap and Ballet shoes
5:45PM	Ages 6 - 8	<b>Future Stars:</b> Learn exciting new dances to Hip Hop/Jazz with appropriate music; Classical Ballet and Lyrical, Broadway Theatre Tap.	Tap and Ballet shoes
6:15PM	Ages 8 -12 And Teens	<b>Super Stars:</b> Learn the newest and latest dances from TV, Broadway and the movies. Enjoy this class of variety and creativity in Hip Hop/Jazz and Musical Theater Tap.	Tap, Ballet / Jazz shoes



## **FALCON VOLLEYBALL CLUB**

(Coed - Grades 6-12)



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**WMS ~ SIX SATURDAYS ~ STARTS APRIL 4**

**REGISTER MARCH 10-27 or until spots fill**

**(Online, by mail-in or at the WPRD)**



The Falcon Volleyball Club is a fun, fast paced coed volleyball program for both beginning and advanced players in grades 3 -12. Players quickly learn the basics of *serving, receiving, setting, spiking, blocking, offense, defense* as well as participating in *game play*. Experienced players may play up a level if preferred. The goal is to introduce the sport of volleyball by offering equal time for game play and skill development. John DeVine coaches the program and is assisted by several members of the MRHS Falcon Teams.

**\$35.00 Wilbraham Residents - \$60.00 Hampden/ Out of Town**

**Session 1: Junior Falcons (Grades 6-8) 9:00-11:00pm**, open to the first 40 players to sign up.

**Session 2: Senior Falcons (Grades 9-12) 11:00-1:00pm**, open to the first 40 players to sign up.

**NEW! Session 3: Mini-Falcons (Grades 3-5) 1:00—3:00pm** - (Must have a minimum amount to run this program)



## **TRACK AND FIELD**

(Coed – Grades 2 - 9)



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**Be part of a great team and run your heart out!**

**This is a great coed program for kids who want to learn the track and field and cross country fundamentals.**

Kids take part in multiple Olympic style events; sprinting, cross country running, hurling, long jump, short jump, shot put and more!

**Season runs early May through mid-June**

**REGISTRATION RUNS MARCH 31 - APRIL 10 ~ Online, by mail-in, or at the WPRD Office**



## **12th ANNUAL SPEGG-TACULAR EASTER EGG HUNT**



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**SATURDAY, APRIL 4 ~ 10:00 - 11:30AM ~ TODDLERS TO 10**

The Wilbraham Parks & Rec. Department will be hosting their annual Egg Hunt at the Spec Pond Recreation Area! It's going to be a morning filled with fun and surprises!

Have your picture taken with the Easter bunny too, win prizes and play games!

**Bring a decorated basket for our Easter basket contest! Lots of prizes!**

**You must register ahead of time. Register early...Limited space fills fast!**

**Registration runs February 3 - March 20 or until space fills**

**Register ONLINE February 3 - March 6 and receive a free T-shirt!**

Held rain or shine...dress appropriately

**ONLY \$5.00 per child! No registration accepted at the event**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING PROGRAMS!**

- **Pavilion rental calendar** opens January 5. Reserve this park-like setting for your upcoming graduation, bridal shower, family reunion, company picnic, etc. Rental information on the website, call office for availability (596-2816)
- **Spec Adventure Summer Camp and CIT program** registration opens in March. Space fills quickly!
- **Spec Pond Beach & Splash Pad** opens in June, you may buy passes in May! Think Summer!
- **Summer Program Brochure** will be available in March. Watch for exciting program details!

## **DEPARTMENT NOTES**

**A Special Thank You to All Our Volunteers! Recreational programs don't just happen... lots of planning is involved and they would not run if dedicated individuals did not volunteer countless hours of their time. We appreciate you all!**

**Please do not drop your child off at a program...children must be checked in with the instructor at each class.**

**Summer Employment with the WPRD**  
**Information on positions will be available on our website in mid-January**





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## **2015 SPRING LACROSSE PROGRAM**

(Please note registration deadlines- Late fees apply after registration deadlines)



### **REGISTRATION DATES:**

- Lacrosse registration (Gr. 1 - 8) will run January 6 - 23 online with no convenience fee, by mail-in or in office.
- Instructional Lacrosse registration (Kindergarten or age 5) will run Jan. 6 - Feb. 20, online with no convenience fee, by mail-in or in office.
- SCHOOL CHOICE AND OUT OF TOWN, PLEASE ADD \$25.00

<b>INSTR. LACROSSE</b>	KINDERGARTEN Or minimum age 5 as of 3/15	Come learn the basics of lacrosse during this six week non-contact program. The fundamentals will be stressed using drills, stations and other teaching techniques. Meets for six weeks on Sat. afternoons beginning in late March/early April. Players provide a regulation midfield lacrosse stick. NOTE: 'Mini-toy' lax sticks prepackaged with a ball are not appropriate. No other equipment is needed. A T-shirt is provided to all who register before the deadline.	\$35.00	<b>General Registration:</b> Online, Mail-In or In Office January 6 -Feb. 20
<b>MITE LACROSSE</b>  GIRLS DIVISION BOYS DIVISION	GRADES 1 & 2 GRADES 1 & 2	Ready for full equipment action? Basic skills will be re-enforced as participants are introduced to the sport. Players will participate in controlled scrimmages & games on a regular basis. No body checking allowed. Very little out-of-town travel. Practices begin in mid-March/early April, averaging two meetings/ week. <b>Players provide equipment: Girls: Goggles and stick &amp; mouth guard. Boys: Helmet, shoulder pads, elbow pads, gloves, protective cup, and regulation-size stick &amp; mouth guard.</b> Limited number of helmets will be available to borrow from the WPRD on a first come basis. Must have a minimum number to run the program. Hampden and School Choice students, please add \$25.00. Season starts when spring weather permits.	\$40.00	<b>General Registration:</b> Online, Mail-In or In Office January 6 - 23
<b>FALCON GIRLS LACROSSE</b> BANTAM GIRLS JUNIOR GIRLS SENIOR GIRLS	GRADES 3 /4 GRADES 5/ 6 GRADES 7/ 8	Come find out about the exciting game of lacrosse! All age divisions are competitive and travel throughout the Pioneer Valley. Everyone interested is encouraged to register regardless of skill level. Practices begin in mid- March/early April with up to two practices and two games per week. <b>Players provide equipment: Goggles and stick &amp; mouth guard. A security deposit will be required for loaned uniform.</b> Season starts as soon as spring weather permits. Open to Wilbraham/Hampden residents and school choice students only.	\$125.00  PLUS A \$50.00 SECURITY DEPOSIT CHECK ONLY	<b>General Registration:</b> Mail-in or In Office January 6 - 23 (No online; required uniform deposit- Check only)
<b>FALCON BOYS LACROSSE</b> BANTAM BOYS JUNIOR BOYS SENIOR BOYS	GRADES 3 /4 GRADES 5/ 6 GRADES 7/ 8	All age divisions are competitive and travel throughout Western MA and CT. Practices begin in mid- March/early April with up to two practices and two games per week. <b>Players provide equipment: Helmet, shoulder pads, elbow pads, gloves, protective cup, and regulation-size stick &amp; mouth guard.</b> Helmets and shoulder pads are available to borrow with a security deposit. <b>Registration fee includes a reversible jersey which players keep.</b> Season starts as soon as spring weather permits.	\$125.00  PLUS A \$75.00 SECURITY DEPOSIT IF BORROWING EQUIPMENT (CHECK ONLY)	<b>General Registration</b> Online, Mail-In or In Office January 6 - 23




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## **2015 RECREATIONAL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL**

**REGISTRATION RUNS FEBRUARY 10-20**

**Online, Mail-in or at the Office**

<b>T-BALL</b> (Coed)	KINDERGARTEN OR 5½ YEARS OLD (as of 03/01/15)	\$50.00	 <p style="text-align: center;">Watch for program details on the 2015 Baseball/ Softball fact sheet due out in January!</p>	<b>INSTRUCTIONAL SOFTBALL</b>	KINDERGARTEN OR 5½ YEARS OLD (as of 03/01/15)	\$35.00
<b>PINTO</b> (BOYS ONLY) <b>JUNIOR SENIOR</b>	GRADE 1 GRADE 2	\$60.00		<b>ROOKIES SOFTBALL</b>	GRADES 1-2	\$50.00
<b>EASTERN</b>	GRADES 3 - 4	\$90.00		<b>MINORS SOFTBALL</b>	GRADES 3-4 (Under 10)	\$105.00
<b>BRONCO</b>	GRADES 5 - 6	\$125.00		<b>NEYSA SOFTBALL</b>	GRADES 5/ 6, 7/8 (U12 and U14) (Non-Competitive)	\$105.00
<b>KOUFAX</b>	GRADES 7 - 8	\$125.00		<b>NEYSA SOFTBALL</b>	GRADES 3/4 U10 Competitive	\$105.00

**PLEASE NOTE:** Tryouts for competitive teams grades 3-8 were held last September and these teams are already formed.  
Tryouts for U10 softball will be held in the spring.